

Presbytery Meeting Summary September 24, 2024 Stated Meeting

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the New Galilee Community Center. The meeting was jointly hosted by the First United, Darlington and The Galilean Presbyterian Churches, where Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger serves as Pulpit Supply and Moderator. Vice-Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs.

Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder Commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Expect subsequent meetings to have similar training sessions.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESBYTERY:

- *Approved* the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, July 30, 2024
- *Received* the Coordinating Team Minutes, June 26, 2024
- *Received* the Stated Clerk Report, July-August 2024
- *Received* the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, July 31, 2024
- *Approved* 2025 Terms of Call for Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon
- *Approved:*
 - 2025 Presbytery Budget
 - 2025 Per Capita Matching Program
 - 2025 Presbytery Per Capita Amount (\$32.00, no change from 2024)

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT: The Presbyters welcomed PC(U.S.A.) International Peacemaker Dumitru Roibu from Moldova. He is the Executive Director of the YMCA in Moldova. Using many photos, Dumitru gave a brief but thought-provoking view of his work and ministry in Moldova.

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, AND YOUTH: Mark Allio gave examples of various joint programs organized between churches, and reminded the Presbyters of *free money* available for others engaging in new ministries.

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH: Church leaders were reminded of the upcoming Wee Kirk Conference – October 14-16, Laurelville Conference Center. Funds are available.

MINISTRY & VOCATION (MVC):

- For 2025, the Ministry and Vocation Committee asked the Presbytery to require that Pastors currently enrolled (or enrolled before 12/31/2024) in the “Pastor’s Participation Plan” shall be enrolled in the “Transitional Pastor’s Participation Plan,” unless the Pastor chooses otherwise.

MVC Chair Denise Hobaugh asked those churches *NOT MOVING* to the Transitional Pastor’s Participation Plan (i.e., *remaining* in the Pastor’s Participation Plan) to submit a letter to Ministry and Vocation indicating same.

- The Presbyters approved the 2025 Terms of Call for Pastors: \$66,049.22 (\$47,467.40 with Manse). *Note: no change from 2024.*

- MVC recommended (but did not require) a 3% cost-of-living increases for Pastors, Certified Christian Educators, and Certified Associate Christian Educators, acknowledging changes to the Board of Pensions.
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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 PM, New Sewickley (*Office to close early*)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MINISTRY & VOCATION:

- 2025 Exam Readers: Elder Mary Clow & Rev. Jason Sinagra
 - Boundary 2 Training make-up session is tentatively set for *Wednesday, October 30, 9:30 AM, via Zoom.*
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HOST CHURCHES NEEDED! 2025 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 25 10:00 a.m. (Lunch)

Tuesday, March 25 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23 4:00 p.m. (Dinner)

Tuesday, November 18 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Please refer to the Presbytery Newsletter for additional items of interest!

OTHER INFORMATION:

- There were a total of 64 participants at the meeting:
 - 19 Teaching Elders
 - 0 Corresponding Members
 - 25 Ruling Elders from 22 Churches
 - 4 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
 - 16 Visitors